25, attacking one of the Boer forts with OWEN HOUSE AFFRAY persistently that the fighting raged up to

wounded.

The dispatch adds that Capts Kirkwood and Crenfell were captured by Boer scouts near Colenso, and were being sent to Pre-

Ten unloaded shells inscribed "The Sea-m's Greetings" have been fired at Lady-The South African medical students from h have arrived at Pretoria from Bay with five tons of medical

A dispatch from the Boer camp at the Modder river, dated Thursday, December Model five, dated Indisady, Peterson, 28 reports an artillery duel lasting an hour. December 27 a British reconnollering party made a sortie, but did not come within the Beer range. The British, December 28, commenced a steady bombardment of the

# WILL PIGHT FOR THE BOERS.

Report That There Are 4,000 Ameri-

cans in Pretoria. CHICAGO, December 30-A special to the Tribune from Cincinna'l says: At a meeting of the Transvaal sympa-

thizers, held last night, a toast to the "United States of South Africa" was proposed by the chairman, who mentioned the nembers of the future government-Natal. Cape Colony, Orange Free State, Transal and Swaziland. Mr. Von Alitow, a relative of President Kruger, made speech, in the course of which he said:

"We have now 4,000 Americans well drilled in Pretoria, with 2,000 more on the drilled in Fretoria, with 2,000 more on the way. Funds are coming from all parts of this broad land. We may need 50,000 men, but we are satisfied that we can have them on time, even with the English blockade."
Contributions to the amount of several thousand dollars were made in secret ses-

#### Commander-in-Chief in Ireland. LONDON, December 30.-The queen has approved the appointment of the Duke of Cennaught as commander-in-chief of the British forces in Ireland.

#### Boers Attack British Camp. CAPE TOWN, Friday, December 29.—The

troops in the British camp of Victoria west turned out last night to repel an attempt of the Boers to cut the railroad near the station. A patrol reported early in the evening that they had sighted the Boers in the neighborhood. At 10 o'clock at night the Boers opened a heavy fire near the sta-tion. The British replied and the Boers retired at daybreak, their attempt having Canned Beef for the British

CHICAGO, December 30.-A train of twenty-eight cars, loaded with corned beef, will leave Hammond, Ind., Sunday night bound for the British soldiers in South Africa. It is said that large orders from the same source will soon be filled.

#### TO ACCOMPANY ROER ARMY. An American Military Officer Will Be

United States Consul Hollis Is comforta bly settled at his new post at Pretoria and of a diplomatic character. Learning that the French and Germans and perhaps other nations had military officers accompanying the Boer armies as observers, the War Department felt that it would like the same privilege for an expert of its own Mr. Hollis was accordingly directed to ask President Kruger if he would allow an American army officer to accompany the

A cablegram has just been received from A cablegram has just been received from the consul saying that the Boer government has courteously assented to the request. The War Department will at once select a suitable representative for the place and he will be hurried to the scene of hostilities, entering the country by way of Lorenzo Marques.

## SEQUEL TO THE CARTER CASE.

#### Alleged Conspirators With the Army Captain Arraigned.

NEW YORK, December 30.-Benjamin D. Greene, Col. John F. Gaynor, Edward H. Gaynor and Wm. T. Gaynor, members of the Atlantic Dredging and Contracting Company, jointly indicted with Michael A. Connally and former Cant. Oberlin M. Carter, United States engineer corps, for conspiracy in connection with the Savannah ad Cumberland sound contracts, appeared for examination today before United

The indictment on which the Gaynors and were arrested by United States Henkel was found in the early becember in the Savannah district. ellogg. Rose & Smith, who ar-to make a bitter legal fight e removal of the men to Savan-

against the removal of the men to Savan-nah for trial. Since his arrest on these charges Col. John F. Gaynor has secured a divorce and hat she has been 'greatly wronged, win, hat she has been 'greatly wronged, win, is expected, figure as an important wit-ess for the prosecution. She was present laring the examination in the Federal

#### FATAL DYNAMITE EXPLOSION. Workmen Placed the Stuff on a Hot

Stove. PITTSBURG, Pa., December 30 .- By an explosion of dynamite in the east end today two Italians were fatally injured and several others slightly hurt. The fatally injured were Peter Antonio and Ambro Donnell. The men were engaged at blasting in a cut at Homewood avenue, and at tempted to thaw out some frozen dynamic by placing it on a hot stove and the explo-

## THE AND GRIFFITH SLATED.

#### Choice of Republican Caucus for Clerkships at Columbus

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. COLUMBUS, Ohio, December 30.-At 2:30 p.m. the house and senate republican caucuses on organization will be held. indications now are that the friends of Senator Hanna will control both caucuses, and that in the Senate W. B. Uhl of Cleve land will be nominated for clerk, and in the house Harry S. Griffith will be chosen for

## SHIP STUCK ON THE WAYS.

## Failure to Launch the Greeian at Wil-

mington, Del. WILMINGTON, Del., December 30.-The attempt to launch the Winsor line steam-ship Grecian at the Harian & Hollingsworth shipyards today was a failure, ti new ship sticking on the ways. When the blocks were sawed away and the vessel started for her plunge into the ley water Miss Winsor, daughter of the president of the company, who acted as sponsor for the r, broke the traditional bottle of wine and spoke the words that named the ship. To the great disappointment of everyhody, however, the huge hulk moved only about eighteen inches and then stuck.

about eighteen inches and then stuck.

An investigation showed that the tailow on the ways had frozen and caked, and when the vessel started to move the grease dropped from the ways and she rested on the timbers without the tailow. Jacks were used in an attempt to start the ship again, but every effort failed, and after an hour's hard work it was decided to abandon the task. The vessel was then made fast, shored up and will be blocked up and a new supply of tailow piaced on the ways, when it is expected she will again be started on Tuesday for her launching. Tuesday for her launching.

All the officials of the company were present and saw the failure.

## Will Edit His Paper in Jail.

TROY, Kan., December 30.-Pool Grinslead, editor of the Wathena Star, has been sentenced in the district court here to e'even months in the county jail under a conviction of criminal libel. The editor accused State Senator John Fulton of accepting a bribe in connection with the lo cation of a new state insane asylum. Grins-lead will edit his paper from the county

lost two men killed and seven Shooting of Logan Prosise and Injury of Blake Talty.

#### THE MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION

Claim That Hatchet Was Used in Self-Defense.

#### THE EVIDENCE SUBMITTED

The affray which occurred in the Ower House, 1413 Pennsylvania avenue, about 4 o'clock yesterday morning, in which Logan Prosise, a young carpenter, was shot in the head by Thomas Le Cuyer, said to be one of the proprietors of the place, and Blake Talty, another young man, was cut across the face by a hatchet, said to have been wielded by Prosise, was investigated in the Police Court by Judge Scott today, Prosise was charged with assault on Talty, and the latter was charged with assaulting Prosise. Le Cuyer was accused of assault on Procise. Henry A. Lehman, also said to be one of the proprietors; Louis Wells, Talty and Le Cuyer were alleged to have assaulted Prosise, Fredk. A. Solomon and Henry C. Dandridge.

Mr. Campbell Carrington appeared as Prosise's attorney, while Talty, Le Cuyer and Wells were represented by Mr. Edwin Forrest.

#### First Witness Called.

The first witness was Logan Prosise, who stated that he had been employed by John T. Moylan, the former proprietor of the house, to stop the elevator and close the windows, Moylan representing his sister, Mary E. Moylan, the lessee of the house. Moylan discharged a night clerk, and appeared to be endeavoring to gain possession of the premises, the lease to Lehman and Le Cuyer expiring the 31st, it was said. Solomon became engaged in an altercation with Lehman, Wells and Talty, and was beaten. The witness was also attacked and used the hatchet in self-defense. Le Cuyer fired at him, hitting him in the top of the head, calling him a cur, and saying he would kill him if he was not wounded. John T. Moylan testified that he had engaged Prosise, acting as the agent of his Moylan discharged a night clerk, and apgaged Prosise, acting as the agent of his sister. He was attempting to regain possession of the premises for his sister, but denied that he had anything to do with starting the trouble. His version of the affair did not materially differ from that of

#### Prosise. Guest of the House.

Frederick A. Solomon stated that he was guest of the house, and, starting down the steps about 4 a.m., Lehman met him and caught hold of him, telling him to get out. Wells and Talty, he declared, jumped on him, knocking him down and pushing him down the stairs, when all three of them attacked him, he said. Prosise ap-peared on the scene, when they attacked the latter. Prosise attempted to defend the latter. Prosise attempted to defend himself, and witness saw Le Cuyer shoot at the carpenter, Lehman exclaiming, "Kill him." While the witness said he saw the shooting, he stated he did not see Prosise hit Talty with the hatchet. The witness said he is "a promoter," and admitted that he might have been registered under a different name.

Richard A. Marshall, the clerk of th se, testified that he did not see the oting. Moylan took the cash box, but returned it, saying he did so only to tan-talize him. He said Solomon had regis-tered under the name of Brent, and that his room had been charged to Moylan. He said, too, that Prosise and a man known as Perkins had been occupying a room to-gether. The former caught hold of him and ordered him out, and witness got out of the way by soling into recen-

of the way by going into a room.

Policeman Hodges testified to being called Policeman Hodges testified to being called to the place, and to finding Prosise lying on the floor and Talty, who is an employe of the District government, lying across a table, wiping the blood from his face. Le Cuyer admitted firing at Prosise, saying he did so to protect the life of Talty. Le Cuyer also claimed that Moylan had brought a lot of men to the house to "do" Lehman and himself.

Watchman's Story. The next witness was Henry G. Dan dridge, an ex-policeman, who said he had been employed by John Moylan to be a watchman at the Owen House, Moylan telling him he was the proprietor. Witness went there Thursday night in order to go to work next morning and took a room. Early in the morning witness heard a fuss and went down stairs and saw Lehman, Wells and Talty pushing and kicking Solomon down stairs. Prosise came in and Le Cuyer drew a pistol. Procise struck at the pistol with a hatchet and the head of the hatchet flew off. Then three men had Prosise down in one corner when Le Cuyer fired and shot.

On cross-examination Dandridge said he On cross-examination Dandridge said he did not see Taity cut. He had been employed by Moylan, who told him he intended to take possession of the premises and wanted witness to keep everybody out. He had slept at the house Thursday night, and occupied a room with another man who registered for both. Had met the man the day before, but did not know his name. Thought it was Perkins. Witness had not returned to the Owen House since. Charles E. Loulaw, the next witness, when examined by Mr. Mullowney, could throw no light on the affray, having only seen it

## BONA-FIDE CIRCULATION.

sworn to is a bona-fide one.

paper with an elastic conscience to swell its legitimate circulation enormously, in order to deceive advertisers, by sending out thousands of papers to newsstands which are returnable, and which are, in fact, returned, but nevertheless are included in what purports to be an

Intelligent advertisers, however, judge by results, and bogus circula-

The family circulation of The Star is many thousands in excess of any other Washington paper.

SATURDAY, December 23, 1899	36,441
MONDAY, December 25, 1899	27,958
Tuesday, December 26, 1899	30,901
Wednesday, December 27, 1899	30,617
THUESDAY, December 28, 1899	
FRIDAY, December 29, 1899	30,750
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Total	187,537

I solemnly swear that the above statement represents only the number of copies of THE EVENING STAR circulated during the six secular days ending Friday, December 20, 1800-that is, the number of copies actually sold, delivered, furnished or mailed, for valuable consideration, to bona-fide purchasers or subscribers, and that the copies so counted are not returnable to or remain

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at a distance. After the shooting witness heard Le Cuyer say that if any one ap-proached nearer to him he would shoot

On cross-examination by Mr. Forrest, the On cross-examination by Mr. Forrest, the witness said he had been employed by Mr. Moylan to work ten or fifteen days as a watchman at the Owen House, Moylan telling witness that he was the proprietor and that Lehman and Le Cuyer were his barkeepers. Witness was not aware of what his duties were to be, other than to stand at the door and keep everybody out. This closed the case for the prosecution, and Mr. Forrest for the defense announced that he would prove that the trouble grew out of an attempt made by certain parties to take forcible possession of the premises, and that Lehman and Le Cuyer were perfectly justified in preventing such efforts. He would also show that Le Cuyer shot Prosise in order to save Talty's life. Judge Scott ordered a recess until 1 o'clock.

Le Cuyer on the Stand.

Le Cuyer on the Stand. The first witness after recess was Thomas B. Le Cuyer, who testified he was one of the proprietors of the Owen House, hi partner being Henry A. Lehman, they having taken possession in November a year ago, under a lease from Mary E. Moylan, ago, under a lease from Mary E. Moylan, by which she received 50 per cent of the profits, which were paid in cash to her agent, John Moylan. Thursday night witness learned that Moylan intended to take forcible possession of the premises, and he stayed at the hotel all night, his partner residing therein. Between 4 and 5 o'clock in the morning of Friday witness heard a noise and went out and saw Mr. Lehman and Mr. Solomon. Lehman asked Solomon what he was doing there. Witness went into another part of the house, and coming back saw Prosise with a hatchet raised above Taity's head.

"I drew my pistol and fired at Prosise

"I drew my pistol and fired at Prosise because I believed Talty's life was in dan-I did not see Prosise strike Talty. I yed when Prosise had the hatchet ed. I was firmly convinced that my

life was in danger. "Did Prosise strike your pistol with his hatchet' "No, sir."

On cross-examination witness said he got pistol from a man named Rogers, and dent in it, claimed to have been put in the cent in it, claimed to have been put in it by Prosise striking it with the hatchet, was there when he got it.

Nothing further was developed in the cross-examination, save that Le Cuyer was positive Prosise was standing up and had the hatchet raised over Talty when he fired.

Talty a Witness.

Blake Talty, with a heavy bandage over his face and left eye, testified he was a civil engineer. He said he knew neither Prosise nor Loulaw, but had known Dandridge slightly. Lehman was trying to put Solomor out, and shoved the latter against witness, who was on the steps, and witness pushed Solon on away. Witness did not ed the bottom of the steps, and was about two steps above the landing, when Prosise tushed up and strength in strike Solomon, Witness had nearly reachrushed up and struck him across the face with a hatchet. Witness then grabbed Pro-sise and pushed him back against the wall, when he heard a shot fired, and Prosise gave a grunt and closed his eyes. Witness did not see who fired the shot, but knew Prosise had not been shot. Witness went to Emergency Hospital, where thirteen stitches were taken in his wound. When there he said to Prosise, who was also

"Aren't you ashamed of yourself to do me up like this?"

me up like this?"
"Yes," witness said Procise replied, "but I was paid to do it and had to do it."
At the conclusion of the direct examination Taity said to his attorney:
"Mr. Forrest, when I made the charge against Prosise I charged him with assault with intent to commit murder. I see he is charged with simple assault."
"That charge was made at the station."

"That charge was made at the station house, wasn't it?" inquired his attorney. "Yes," responded Talty. "Well, Mr. Mullowny made out the infor-mation."

mation."
Mr. Mullowny immediately began the cross-examination without taking any notice of Talty's complaint, but his questioning of the witness did not change the lat-

#### ter's testimony Mr. Lehman Testifies.

The next witness was Henry A. Lehman, one of the Owen House proprietors, who estified he was awakened Friday morning by the night clerk, who told him there was trouble down stairs. Witness put on some clothing hurriedly, and after awakening Messrs. Taity and Wills and apprising them of the trouble and asking their assistance, started down stairs. He met Solomon at the head of the stairs in the third story and asked what he was doing there. Solomon replied he was a guest of the hotel, which was untrue, according to the hotel, which was untrue, according sistance, started down stairs. He met second floor Le Cuyer fired. Prosise had the hatchet raised when Le Cuyer fired. On cross-examination by Mr. Mullowny Lehman testified that he had been warned that an attempt was to be made to take forcible possession of the place, and had asked Talty and Wills, who were friends of his and who hannened to be in the place

f his, and who happened to be in the place eating supper Thursday night, to remain all night. Witness was positive Wills did not strike any one. Prosise struck Talty when the latter was at the foot of the steps. Witness was then trying to get So-imon down the stairs. Le Cuyer did not kmon down the stairs. Le Cuyer did not fire until after Taity had been struck by Prosise, and not until Prosise had raised the hatchet to strike Taity again.

Anticipated Trouble.

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of John Moylan attempting to take pos-

session of the premises. Mr. Talty was with witness, and they occupied the same

room. They were aroused early Friday

morning by Lehman, who said there was trouble downstairs. Witness hurriedly

downstairs. Witness hurriedly diessed and followed Talty, who dressed first. Talty started down stairs and passed Lehman and Solomon on the stairs. They were struggling and fighting. When Talty reached the bottom of the steps Prosise struck him with the hatchet across the

struck him with the hatchet across the face. Then Talty grappled with Prosise, and as the latter raised the hatchet to strike Talty. Le Cuyer shot him.

Witness, on cross-examination, declared he had taken no part in the trouble, because it was all over when Prosise got shot. He saw Lehman strike Solomon with his fist, but saw no one kicked.

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This testimony closed the cases under consideration, and thereupon the charge against Logan Prosise of assaulting Blake Talty was taken up, Mr. Carrington, for the defense, opening, the understanding having been reached that all the cases would be decided by Judge Scott when the one being heard was completed.

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Mr. Carrington called Logan Prosise, who tated he was employed by day as a carenter, and was engaged by Mr. Moylan to o some work at the Owen House at night. Vitness knew nothing of any impending rouble. He said he used the hatchet to trike a pistol heing pointed at his care.

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Mr. Forrest made remarks upholding the rights of the proprietors to protect their premises from illegal attempts to take possession of them and the right of their friends to assist them. He was reviewing the testimony when The Star's report closed. Bolivia's President Accepts. United States Minister Bridgeman, at La Paz, Bolivia, has cabled the State Department that the president of Bolivia has ac cepted for his country the invitation exin the office unsold. tended through the department to partici-pate in the Pan-American exposition to be held at Buffalo next year. J. F. NEWBOLD,

The Resolute to Be Sold.

The Navy Department has decided to sell the auxiliary cruiser Resolute, formerly The ship was built at Cramp's, and at the outbreak of the Spanish war the Navy Department bought her at a cost of \$480,000. She was recently brought from Portsmouth, N. H., to League Island, where the sale will take place.

USE OF GOLD IN THE ARTS

Director Roberts of the Mint to Undertake an Extensive Inquiry.

Circulars to Be Sent to Over 50,000 Persons Working in the Precious Metals.

Mr. Roberts, director of the mint, has undertaken another inquiry into the consump-tion of the precions metals, and particularly of coin, in the arts and manufactures. Th annual estimate of such consumption is ordinarily made on returns received from the mints and private refineries of bullion sold to manufacturers, supplemented by

an estimate for the coin melted down. As full returns are received from the reineries the amount of buillon consumed is believed to be accurately arrived at. It is not supposed that any considerable amount of silver coin is melted, because its face value is so much greater than its bullion value that this would involve great loss. value that this would involve great loss. But the amount of gold coin melted down is unquestionably considerable and must be taken account of in estimates of the monetary stock in the country. Several inquiries have been conducted by the bureau of the mint, the last one about ten years ago. On the strength of information thus received the consumption of gold coin has since been estimated at \$1,500,000 per annum. Circulars of inquiry are now being ad-

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Circulars of inquiry are now being addressed, not only to all the known manufacturers of jewelry and watch cases, but to the entire list of retail jewelers, dentists, golf-leaf manufacturers and all who may be supposed to use gold and silver.

Over 50,000 persons will be addressed, and while the replies may not be complete, it is believed they will contain sumicient data to base an intelligent estimate upon.

The treasury estimate of the stock of gold coin in the country began with a calculation made in 1873 by Dr. Linderm: n, then director of the mint. He took the amount of gold in the treasury and national banks, estimated the amount in circulation on the Pacific coast at \$20,000,000 and allowed \$10,000,000 for hoards in that part of the country, where paper money was the currency. In all, he counted \$128,000,000.

Since then there has been annually added the coinage and the amount of domestic coin returned from abroad, as shown by the customs records. There has been subtracted the recoinages, the amount of our coin exported and the allowance for coin consumed in manufactures. The outcome of this system is the present estimate of about \$1,000,000,000 of gold coin in the country. On the 1st of July, 1839, this estimate showed a stock of \$962,855,565. The treasury held at that date \$283,127,455 and the national banks \$286,185,618, or a total of \$569,313,073, leaving nearly \$400,000,000 to be accounted for. It is known, of course, that state and private banks have considerable holdings, and many believe the esti-Since then there has been annually added rable holdings, and many believe the

erable holdings, and many believe the six mate is too large. It is with a view of obtaining more in-formation upon the subject that the pend-ing inquiry, which will be extended to a scrutiny of imports and exports, is made.

## MAKES FINAL RETURN.

#### Indictments Reported by Grand Jury Late This Afternoon

The grand jury impaneled for the October term of the court late this afternoon made its final report and was discharged from further service by Justice Cole, who expressed his thanks for the manner in which the members had discharged their duties during the term. Indictments were return ed as follows:

Arthur Landon, murder of Henry Bradley; William Stumph, murder of James Lee; Talmadge Walker, otherwise called Thomas Walker, murder of Hannibal Shorter; an indictment was heretofore returned against this prisoner. The paper placed on record today was to cover a correction in the name. Joseph Cornwell, housebreaking; Samuel Williams, otherwise called Samuel Chew, otherwise called Samuel Mack, second offense petit larceny; William Ford, otherwise called Charles Ford, second offense petit larceny; Lewis West, second offense petit larceny; Daniel Tibbs and Louis Mush Dixon, assault; John Chappel, embezzlement; Charles Yuen, arson; Collins Lucas, second offense petit larceny; James Tripp and Blanche Tripp, larceny; George Carson and Michael Mannion, larceny from the person; John F. Gettier, embezzlement; Frederick Adams, Thomas Walker, murder of Hannibal larceny; George Carson and Michael Ma nion, larceny from the person; John Gottier, embezzlement; Frederick Adan Gottier, embezzlement of Green housebrea housebreaking; Susie Green, house ing; William Jackson and William ing; William Jackson and William Robin-son, highway robbery; Byrdle L. Ford, false pretenses; John Lucas, false pre-tenses; Howell Titus, false pretenses; John Lynch, forgery; William Marshall, violation of sections 3891, 5487 and 5471, Revised Statutes of the United States, three indict-ments; Harry Kessler, violation of pension-law.

As anticipated in The Star, the grand jury ignored the charge of bribery preferred by William H. Lee against Samuel A. Mc-Neely, sergeant of the metropolitan police charge of false pretenses against John N. Walton and one of grand larceny against George Pannell were also ignored by the grand jury.

## TWO YEARS' PAYMENTS

Checks Sent to Beneficiaries Spanish Indemnity.

Ellis H. Roberts, treasurer of the United States, today mailed 154 checks for the aggregate sum of \$57,000, in payment of th fifty-eighth and fifty-ninth installments of the Spanish indemnity. By the treaty of 1834 the Queen of Spain engaged to pay to the United States, as the balance in the settlement of certain claims, twelve millions of rials vellon to be distributed by the government of the United States among the claimants entitled thereto.

Under an act passed in 1836 a commission was appointed to ascertain the amount due the several claimants. The aggregate award was \$500,850.16, and the annual payment of \$28,500 from Spain is distribute ratably among the holders of the certifi

As by the declaration of war all treaties As by the declaration of war all treaties between Spain and the United States were abrogated, the resumption of this obligation is, as has been stated in The Star, a purely gracious act on the part of Spain, which cannot fall to make a lasting impression not only on the immediate beneficiaries, but also on the whole people.

## PRECIOUS METALS PRODUCED.

Increase of Seven Millions in Gold and Four in Silver. The preliminary estimate of the produc-

tion of gold and silver in the United States during the calendar year 1899, made by Mr. Roberts, the director of the mint, shows a total gold production of \$71,694,170, an increase over the production of last year of \$7,231,170. The production of silver during the year is estimated at \$74,424,606, an increase during the year of \$4,040,211.

The quarterly statement of the values of

The quarterly statement of the values of foreign coins, issued by the director of the mint, shows that, during the last three months the value of silver has decreased of the value of foreign silver coins has decreased accordingly. These figures will be followed in estimating the value of all foreign sacrchandise exported to the United States on and after January 1, 1900.

## Civil Service Law Respected. The civil service commission, in its an-nual report, to be issued next week, will

say that the civil service law is being more generally conformed to than ever before, It shows that the removals of employes, based upon its statistics for this year, now average slightly less than 2 per cent of the whole number of classified places, Interior Department Chang The following official changes have been

nade in the Department of the Interior:

to lieutenant of the watch, \$840. Office of the assistant attorney general-Office of the assistant attorney general— Promotion: Edson Phillips of New York, clerk, \$1,200, to \$1,600. Appointment by pro-motion and transfer from office of Indian affairs; Fred H. Barciay of Wyoming, copy-ist, \$900, to clerk, \$1,200. Office of Indian affairs—Appointment: Robert C. Gulley of the District of Colum-bia, messenger boy, \$300. DIED FROM HER WOUND.

Mrs. Alfred Morrison, Whose Husband Shot Her by Mistake.

NEW YORK, December 30.-Mrs. Alfred Morrison, the wife of the professor of languages at Mount Vernon, who was shot by her husband early yesterday, died from the ffects of the wound today. In her antemortem statement Mrs. Morrison exoner ated her husband from blame. She had arisen to care for her child, and her hus-band mistook her for a burglar and fired at her without waiting to challenge her.

ENGINE STRIKES STREET CAR.

Three Passengers Injured in an Acci-dent in Chicago. CHICAGO, December 30.-A switch engine of the Eastern Illinois road ran into a

street car today, hurling the car fifty feet and injuring three passengers. The conductor, motorman and two pas sengers escaped serious injury by jumping. The injuries of an unknown colored man who was a passenger may prove fatal. The car was completely demolished.

## WANT THE DUTIES RETAINED.

Florida Tobacco and Fruit Grower Fear Cuban Competition. JACKSONVILLE, Fla., December 30. Many prominent tobacco and fruit growers from all sections of the state met in convention here today to enter a protest against the proposed legislation by Con-gress to remove all import duties from sugar, tobacco and tropical fruits grown in Puerto Rico and Cuba.

#### REFUSED AN INJUNCTION.

#### Judge Tuthill's Decision in Wagner-Pullman Car Case. CHICAGO, December 30.-Judge Tuthili

oday refused to grant an injunction against

the absorption of the Wagner Palace Car Company by the Pullman Palace Car Company. The injunction was asked for Stock-holder Taylor of Alton, Ill., a holder of 100 shares in the Pullman company. Shot in a Bar Room Brawl. NEW YORK, December 30 .- James Mc

Kenna was fatally shot in a brawl in a Bowery dance hall early today. Will Meyers, manager of the place, and his brother George, were arrested, charged with the shooting. They accuse Michael Mayo, who escaped during the excitement, of firing the shot.

#### Ice Blockades Ohio River.

CINCINNATI, December 30.-Navigation in the Ohio river from Cincinnati to Pittsburg is closed today by ice. The river be tween Portsmouth and Cattlettsburg is full of ice, and as far down as Cincinnati the floating ice is so heavy as to make it dangerous for boats to meet and impossible for Boats may venture down the river, but even that is uncertain today.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 30 .- Corre pondence of the Associated Press from okohama, dated December 12, says: The plague scare has subsided, only sporadic case being now and then reported

while the vigilance of the authorities is undiminished. The entire empire, through the unprecedented cleaning up which has taken p'ace, will be a gainer from the vis-itation of the scourge.

Knights of the Golden Eagle. At a special session of Monarch Castle, K E., Friday evening, December 29, the following-named officers were elected: N. C., John T. Woodfield; V. C., James L. Flynn; S. H., Howard S. Hartmann; H. P. Gustav Escher; V. H., A. L. Donaldson; M. of R., Frederick C. Hartmann (eleventh term); C. of E., Samuel J. Smith; K. of E., Edwin L. Tolson (eleventh term); repre-sentative to Grand Castle, William H. Deck-

man; trustee for three years, J. E. Rose. Officers will be installed Monday, January 8, 1900, by Grand Chief Kemper. Run on Lynn, Mass., Savings Bank. LYNN, Mass., December 30.-A run or he Lynn Five Cent Savings Bank began today because of rumors that the bank is involved in the failure of the Globe National Bank of Boston. The Five Cent Savings Bank held eighty-eight shares of the Globe stock. The surplus of the bank is a million dollars, and the bank officials said today that they could meet any de-mands that might be made on them.

Mrs. Eddy's Christmas Gift. LEAD, S. D., December 30 .- Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy of Boston, the Christian Scientist, has given her son, George Glover of this city, a Christmas present consisting of a check for \$10,000 and a clear title to a \$15,000 dwelling house, which is the most palatial in the Black Hills.

Rudyard Kipling and Family Ill. LONDON, December 30.—Rudyard Kip-ling and his wife and two children are confined to their rooms, suffering from influenza, but there is no anxiety felt as to their Mother and Daughter Drowned.

ARDMORE, I. T., December 30 .- Charles Chapman attempted to drive through a swollen stream above here tonight with h family, with the result that Mrs. Chapman d their daughter were drowned. Upoling informed of the accident the mothe Charles Chapman died of the shock.

## Steamship Arrivals.

At New York-St. Louis, from Southampton.

#### Ask That Bridge Be Completed. In a letter to Mr. J. F. Legge, the ter cinal agent of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, the District Commisoners state that their attention has been called to the fact that the new bridge which

called to the fact that the new bridge which is being built by the company over the Sheriff road near Deanwood is in such condition that it requires only the placing of a proper surface upon it to make it ready for use. The Commissioners, therefore, have suggested to Mr. Legge that the early completion of the work would prove advantageous to the public and the District, with the request that he give the matter his attention. Petition in Bankruptey. Adolph Kahn, a clerk residing at 612 R street, this afternoon filed a petition in vol-

untary bankruptcy. His summary of debts is stated to be \$2,024.65. Attorneys Wolf and Rosenberg appear for the petitioner. Decree of Divorce Signed. Justice Barnard in Equity Court No. 2 this afternoon signed a decree granting Re-

## Referred to Arbitrator.

and by the same plaintiff against Adolphus W. Greely and others, to recover damages in the sums of \$10,000 and \$15,000, respectively, were today, by agreement of the parties, referred to James G. Payne as arbitance. Coghlan Hardly Eligible.

Hayden against Henry Gannett and others

## the Philadelphia Telegraph.

A Leipzig publishing firm offers a prize of 1.000 marks for the words and music of of 1,000 marks for the words and music of the best German naval song that may be submitted for the consideration of com-petent judges. There is apparently no re-striction as to nationality among the com-petitors, yet it would be hardly worth while for Capt. Coghlan to enter the lists with another "Hoch! Der Kaiser" effort. Office of the Secretary-Promotion: Chas. D. Stephens of New York, watchman, \$720, In the report of the funeral of Mr. Theo-dore Poesche, which occurred yesterday, mention was made that he was survived by three children. It is stated that there are four of his children living, the name of Victor L. Poesce of 1339 Corcoran street having been inadeventently omitted.

MOSTLY DUE TO SHORT COVERING

Prospect for Low Priced Stocks Next Year.

GENERAL MARKET REPORTS

#### pecial Dispatch to The Evening Star.

NEW YORK, December 30.-Closing prices in today's stock market helped in a very considerable degree to overcome the despondency caused by this month's liquidation. The best prices of the recovery were those recorded at or near the close of

today's business.

Good buying has been prominent during this week's movement, but it is scarcely fair to attribute the improvement to an investment demand. A large short interest, partly professional in character and partly composed of brokers who sold out customers' stocks during the tense period.

added substantially to the demand.

The combined buying has resulted in an advance varying from 5 to 15 per cent in certain of the better known issues. Part of this recovery is attributed to the natural rebound from the depression period, but there are some good judges who consider the recovery to have exceeded purely natural proportions. Should this view prove to be well grounded, the market should subside early in the new year and start more deliberately from a level somewhere between the present and the lowest of the scare period.

Sentiment is as hopeful as it was prior to the decline, but the capacity for exploiting it is not so great. This defect may be remedied by the great cutpouring of dividend funds during the next few days. Easser money seems certain, and Europe will also this recovery is attributed to the natural

dend funds during the next few days. Easier money seems certain, and Europe will also be in position to offer larger and more attractive inducements to borrowers.

The one probable source of disappointment would seem to be South Africa. News from that center will continue to find prompt reflection in our stock markets.

A British victory would do more for the immediate market than a decreased interest rate, no matter how substantial. While the war continues our gold supply is threatened, not to the extent of producing an absolute scarcity, but sufficiently to scarce the money market periodically should reverses to the British army continue. So reverses to the British army continue. So far as local conditions alone are a consideration, there is much to inspire the grow-ing confidence in the securities of the larger railroad properties.

Contractor Shot and Robbed.

SIOUX CITY, Iowa, December 30.—John E. Robson, a well-known contractor, was shot and robbed in his office last night. His assailants escaped and left no traces behind. Robson's condition is critical.

Plague Dying Out in Japan.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 30.—Corre
sing confidence in the securities of the larger railroad properties.

Earnings, with the exception of the granger group, are good and fully up to the needs of the new policy, which looks to the physical condition of a property as well as to the return to shareholders.

Consolidations by purchase and by agreement are likely to be announced during the coming season. Administrative expenses are to be curtailed, mistakes of reorganizations are to be rectified and new value is to be added in every possible way. The every

are to be currence, the total and new value is to be added in every possible way. The execution of schemes now well matured cannot fall of good results.

In a few instances legislation is looked to a subject and in a general way the currence of the curre In a few instances legislation is looked to for relief, and in a general way the cur-rency bill is expected to limit the evils of the coming presidential contest. There is much that will make for good during the new year, but discrimination alone will se-cure its fullest results.

The low-priced stocks, or some of them, are likely to demand attention which will

are likely to demand attention which will take them well out of that category. But while this is being done it will be no sur-prise to see others descending to take their place. place.
The bank statement was one of small

The bank statement was one of small changes, but in the main favorable. It does not show the most important incidents of the financing during the critical period last week. The reserve has increased \$784,000 and the loans are larger by \$373,500. A gain of \$700,000 in lawful money is reported and the deposits are less by \$348,000.

Federal Steel, pfd..... General Electric Illinois Central. 801/s 175 961/2 40 80% 176% M. K. & T., pfd.... National Lead Co. New Jersey Central 1181/2 New York Central X-rts 1311/2

# Northern Pacific. Northern Pacific. Northern Pacific, pfd. Pacific Mail. Pennsylvania R. R. Reading, 1st pfd. Southern Pacific. Southern Railway. uthern Railway, pfd.

Washington Stock Exchange. Sales-regular call, 12 c'clock m.—Washington Loan and Trust, 5 at 158, 10 at 158, 10 at 158, 10 at 158, Mcgaethlaler Linotype, 10 at 197, 1 at 198, 10 at 197½, 10 at 197½, 10 at 197½. Lanston Mono-type, 5 at 15½. American Graphophone, 100 at 12%, After call—Washington Loan and Trust, 10 at 159, 10 at 160 American Graphophone, 50 at 12%, 25 at 12%.

type, 5 at 15%, American Graphophone, 100 at 12%, After call—Washington Loan and Trust, 10 at 150, 10 at 160 American Graphophone, 50 at 12%, 52 at 12%,

District of Columbia Boads.—68, 1902, 30-year funding, 103 bid. 78, 1901, water stock, 104 bid. 3.658, 1924, funding, 118 bid, 120 asked.

Miscellaneous Bonds.—Metropolitan Railroad 58, 123 bid. 126 asked. Metropolitan Railroad 68, 123 bid. 126 asked. Metropolitan Railroad cert. indebt., 8, 111 bid. 116 asked. Metropolitan Railroad cert. indebt., 8, 111 bid. 116 asked. Columbia Railroad ecrt. indebt., 131 asked. Columbia Railroad 22 mort. 58, 107½ bid. 140 asked. Columbia Railroad 22 mort. 58, 107½ bid. 140 asked. Columbia Railroad 28, 116 asked. C. S. Electric Light cert. indebt., 58, 116 asked. C. S. Electric Light cert. indebt., 58, 116 asked. C. Resapeake and Potomac Telephone 58, 103 bid. 104 asked. Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Con. 18, 106 bid. Washington Market Co. ist 58, 112 bid. Washington Safe Central, \*178 bid. Safe Deposit and Trust, 128 bid. Lincoln, \*125 asked. Washington Safe Deposit and Trust, 126 bid. Safe Deposit and Trust, 128 bid. Lincoln, \*125 asked. Issue Deposit and Trust, 128 bid. Lincoln, \*125 asked. Issue Deposit and Trust, 128 bid. Washington Safe Deposit, 70 bid. So asked. Columbia Titi gina Goldberg a divorce from Harry Gold-berg, by reason of desertion on the part of The suits-at-law instituted by Everett

Washington Title, 3 bid. District Title, 3 bid, 3% asked.
Railroad Stocks.—Capital Traction, \*92% bid, 93% asked. City and Suburban, 35 asked. Georgetown and Tenleytown, 15 bid.
Gas Stocks.—Washington Gas, 55% bid. 56 asked. Georgetown Gas, 55 bid.
Telephone Stocks.—Chesapeake and Potomac, 55 bid. G2 asked. Pennsylvania, 28 bid, 47 asked.
Miscellaneous Stocks.—Mergenthaler Linotype, 15% bid. 197% asked. Lanston Monotype, 15% bid. American Graphophone, 12% bid, 13 asked. American Graphophone preferred, 12% bid, 13% asked. Pacumatic Gan Carriage, 22 bid, 24 asked. Norfolk and Washington Steamboat, 150 bid. Lincoln Hail, 65 bid, 70 asked.
\*Ex dividend.

## Baltimore Markets. BAL/TMORE, December 30.—Flour dull, unchang ed; receipts, 5,750 barrels; exports, 8,355 barrels Wheat steady; spot and month, 70\\(^1\)a70\(^1\); January 70\\(^1\)a70\(^1\)k71\(^1\)k7

FINANCE AND TRADE

southern wheat by sample, 68a71½; do. on grade, 66%a70%. Corn steady, spot, month and December, new o. old, 36%a37; January, 37a87%; February, 37¼a37½; March. 37½; Steamer mixed, 35½a36; receipts, 161,56f bushels; exports, 25,714 bushels; setuper, sold, 310, 90, 2 mixed, 28a28½, Rye dull and nominal; No. 2 mearby, 54; No. 2 western, 59, Hay firm; No. 1 timothy, \$15a\$13,50. Grain freights very quiet, unchanged. Surr strong, urchanged. Butter, chesse and eggs firm, unchanged.

# 2 per cents, registered, 1908-1928, 3 per cents, registered, 1908-1928, 3 per cents, coupon, 1908-1928, 4 per cents, registered, 1907, 4 per cents, registered, 1907, 4 per cents, registered, 1925, 4 per cents, registered, 1925, 5 per cents, registered, 1994, 5 per cents, coupon, 1904,

# Grain and Provisions Markets.

Open. High. Low. 63%-5, 60% 60% 63%-5, 70 60% 32% 32% 32% 23%-5, 23% 23% Corn-May Onts-May CHICAGO, December 30, Pork Jan.

## A WOUNDED OFFICER'S STORY.

#### Tale of Suffering on the Field of Elandslangte

A wounded officer sends a long letter to his mother from Pietermaritzburg hospital describing his experiences at the battle of Elandslaagte. "It was," he says, "a spien did feat of arms, and I am most awfully proud of my regiment, for we bore the brunt of the day. We had a tremendous hard time of it, and were under fire for two and a half hours (considerably longer than any other corps). But the cost was awful! We had only ten officers in action, and five of them were wounded, and of 329 men we had eleven killed and thirtythree wounded; two have since died of

their wounds. The Gordons lost even more

severely. The reasons for this were, in my

opinion, as follows: First, their dark kilts

opinion, as follows: First, their dark kilts were much more visible than our khakis, and consequently formed a better target; second, there were more of them. The Gordons all say that Dargai was the merest child's play compared to this.

"To return to my own doings. I lay where I fell for about three-quarters of an hour, when a doctor came and put a field dressing on my wound, gave me some brandy, put my helmet under my head as a pillow, covered me with a Boer blanket which my helmet under my head as a pil-vered me with a Boer blanket which taken from a dead man, and then went to look after some other poor beggar shall never forget the horrors of tha night as long as I live. In addition to the agony which my wound gave me I had two sharp stones running into my back. I was soaked to the skin and bitterly cold, but had an awful thirst; the torrents of rain never stopped. On one side of me was a Gordon Highlander in raving delirium and on the other a Boer who had had his leg shattered by a shell, and who gave vent to the most heartrending cries and groans. War is a funny game, mother, and no one can realize what its grim horrors are like till they see it in all its barbarous reality. "I lay in the rain the whole of the night, and at daybreak was put into a doolle by a night as long as I live. In addition

and at daybreak was put into a doolie by a doctor, and some natives carried me down to the statien. The ground was awfully rough, and they dropped me twice: I fainted both times. I was sent down to Ladysmith in the hospital train; from the station I was conveyed to the chapel (officer's hespital) in a bullock cart, the jolting of which made me faint again. I was the last officer taken in. I was then put to bed, and my wound was dressed just seventeen bours after I was hit. They then gave me beef tea, which was the first food I had had for twenty-seven hours. The doctors all said at first that I had been hit by a shell, but that is impossible, for the enemy only had two guns, and we had taken them both and at daybreak was put into a doolie by two guns, and we had taken that it must have been a very heavy ex-plosive bullet, and, as an elephant gun was plosive bullet, and, as an elephant gun was found close to where I was hit. I expect they are right. It has made a big, jagged hole in my shoulder, which you could put your hand into. It has blown some of the muscles away, so I am afraid I shall always be a bit stiff. They say it will take another ten weeks before I am fit for duty, and I am very much afraid that most of the fighting will be over by that time, in spite of the present critical condition of affairs."

Arabia between Turks and Arabs we should revise our ideas of Asiatic capacity both for soldiership and for heroism; but still it is substantially true that the Asiatic soldier wants as a fighting man something which we call aptitude for discipline, and which the European officer can and does communicate to him. What that something is has been a matter of dispute from the day of Xerxes' invasion, and will probably never be settled till the Asiatic becomes self-conscious and a penman. The writer once asked the first Sir Henry Havelock what he with his great experience

The writer once asked the first Sir Henry Havelock what he with his great experience and knowledge of military history believed to be the reason, and his answer, that "it was due in the long run to some secret want of confidence on the part of the men in their officers' capacity or honesty," though not completely satisfactory, is probably as near as we shall get to the truth. The explanation, however, does not so much matter. The grand fact is that any competent European officer can do the needed work, that such officers are in the ed work, that such officers are in th market, and that, consequently, powerful Asiatic armies may yet be organized by

## Asiatic armies may yet be orga-soldiers of fortune purchased for

Eagles and Their Prev. From the Cornhill There is at the present moment at the Natural History Museum a model of the skull of an eagle so gigantic that the imagination can scarcely fit it into the life of

this planet at all. The whole head is larger than that of an ox, and the beak resembles a pair of hydraulic shears. Unlike most of the giant beasts, this eagle, which inhabited Patagonia, appears from its remains to have differed little in form from the existing specles. Its size alone distinguishes it quills of the feathers which bore this awful raptor through the air must have been as

raptor through the air must have been as thick as a walking stick and the web as wide as oar-blades. It could have killed and torn to pieces creatures as large as a bison, and whirled up into the sky and dropped upon the rocks the gigantic carapaced animals of prehistoric Patagonia as easily as a modern eagle of California does the land tortoises on which it feeds.

Even today there are few carnivorous animals, whether birds or beasts, which have so wide a range of prey as the eagles. Like the winged dragons of old story, they can ravage earth, air and sea, and feed promiscuously on the denizens of all three elements. From serpents on the burning desert to seals on the everlasting ice, from monkeys in the tropical forest to marmots on the Alpine slopes, from dead sheep on highland hills to peacocks in the Indian jungles, no form of fish, flesh or fewl comes amiss to them, and the young eagle, driven by the inexorable law of his race from the home where he was reared, finds a free breakfast table wherever he files.

#### Question of Lungey. Marie Kloczewski this afternoon filed a

petition for an inquiry to determine as to the lunacy of her husband, Adrian, the owner of the drug store at the corner of 9th and E streets. He is said to be suf-fering from insanity caused by senile de-

In China heus are employed to hatch fish eggs. These are staled in an egg shell and placed under the unsuspecting hen for a few days. The contents of the shell are then emptied into a shallow pool, where they can bask in the sunshine until the minnows are strong enough to be turned into a lake or river.

Grain and Free Hibbs & Co., bankers and brokers, 1419 F st., members New York took exchange, correspondents Messrs, Lastock exchange, correspondents Messr denburg, Thalmann & Co., New York.

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## From the Birmingham Post.